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TO THE EDITOR OF THE POLYNESIAN.

As the subject of the iniquity of the whaling has again been brought before the public for the consideration of those who, neglecting the laborious process of educating men into moral cast about for some wonder-working moral to cure the evil; and as it has been suggested that a missionary wherever the whalships congregate to make a few remarks on this interesting

my experience of whaling is perhaps as great and varied as that of "Cymon," "A New Bedford" and the "Messrs. Gulick," I am free to admit much of the evil complained of exists on board whalships, in a greater or less degree, but I would not on my own conscience and that of many shipmates, and abate the mast, were I to admit the exaggerated proportion of the accusation brought against

stigmatising a whole class of a community as abandoned and "moral pest-houses," it is necessary to be just, to take into consideration all things which our amiable critics either do not stand or else willfully neglect. It is necessary to

the previous education, training, modes of habits of life, opportunities of improving good

or resisting bad results, of those whose conduct arraign; it is necessary to consider the conditions and circumstances under which the acts were committed, the amount of correct knowledge of the consequences, direct or relative, the amount of resistance to

before yielding, the amount of remorse after; necessary to consider if these acts or the propensity to commit them have so radically paralyzed the whole system, as to render it utterly and hopelessly

and thus, to appearance at least, justify an excuse so sweeping, so void of mercy and charity, as of "moral pest-houses;" and it is further necessary to consider whether these acts are isolated incidents of a person's life, or his deliberate, systematic act throughout; and if it be found that the acts committed last year by one set of persons are repeated

by another set, it becomes necessary to consider whether the causes, and consequently the blame, are personal with the perpetrator, or circumstances, the objects and surroundings with which he is in contact, or both.

On such an analysis of the question has been fairly made, I will admit the propriety of passing so extreme judgment upon a whole class of fellow beings. That a number of facts attest the existence of incontinence on board of many whalships, but that it is a logical sequence that because of this

"moral pest-houses;" in other words, that in consequence is the grave and extinguisher of every moral feeling and principle, or that justice, honesty, charity and mercy, cannot coexist where there has been for a day, an hour or a life-time. The proposition not being an admitted truth, the truth conclusion is consequently impaired.

and will uphold Dr. Gulick in exposing vice on shore or afloat, if such exposure will reform

but he is unjustifiable, logically, socially, morally, in passing so sweeping and general a denunciation on a whole class of fellow men on a partial

Doctor's judgment has evidently been betrayed by feelings, and with the best of intentions he has used too big a word in expressing his views. To understand all that, and make due allowance, proper retraction and contrition; but I cannot understand why his supporters here should persist in the denunciation, and thus deliberately place

in the predicament of usurpers of the power prerogatives of God, and liable to the same honors and punishments as the first usurper, "Lucifer, Son of Morning."

Long names and passing harsh judgments, is an unbecoming habit, for which clerical writers seem to have a special license.

AVAST!

TO THE EDITOR OF THE POLYNESIAN.

In again obtruding upon you, my meditations on the subject of the whaling business of Honolulu, and so desirous of presenting my views for the consideration of the mercantile portion of our community, I no doubt are better posted than myself upon the

has been said, go together, and while I doubt the general correctness of the aphorism, it would seem to be borne out in my experience of Hawaiians, and I presume it will be found to be correct with regard to most races with whom civilization, as here, is in a normal condition. On the contrary, the possession of wealth or that which leads to it, thrift and industry, is indissolubly linked to knowledge and humanity with a consequent tendency to advance in literature and the growth of the fine arts, and whatever else tends to human improvement. The pleasures and responsibilities of the possession of property, soften the tempers of men, and this humanity is the distinguishing characteristic of a civilized age, in contradistinction with one of barbarism and ignorance. In spite, too, of the complaint which we often hear, that those men oftenest receive encouragement in life who least stand in need of it, I am inclined to think that ordinary prudence would teach us to trust less readily to a person in circumstances of indigence, than to one who was above the temptation of money, even supposing the natural integrity of the two to be alike. And naturally enough we find governments invariably regarding their richest subjects as those most interested in the preservation of quiet and order, and therefore best fitted for positions of trust and honor. We remember Catiline's words to some applicants for his favor who were, in the cant phrase of the present day, "flat broke" that "they had nothing to hope for but a civil war."

I beg pardon for this prosy digression, but were I editor of the *Hae Hawaii*, these are some of the ideas I would endeavor to present to the native mind.

But there are those who understand me here, and I would fain have them think with me that the present is deeply fraught with the future good or evil fate of the Hawaiians. We are at the turning point, and our destiny lies in our own hands.

"If we stand still, In fear our motion will be mock'd or carp'd at, We should take root here were we sit, or sit State statutes only."—King Henry VIII.

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